

SHOT DOWN IN COLD BLOOD

LOCAL MAN ANNOUNCES AS CANDIDATE FOR CONTROLLER

John H. Moffitt To Again Seek Honors in the Political Field.

REPUBLICANS FOR MOFFITT

Independents Favor Him Rather Than Morgan—Petitions to Governor Stuart.

After a consultation with his friends at Washington and elsewhere, John H. Moffitt has entered the contest for county controller, and is in the fight to stay to the finish. He is a candidate for appointment by the Governor, and falling in that will come before the county committee, who will make the nomination for election this fall. Mr. Moffitt's formal announcement is as follows:

"After numerous requests from friends and others I have decided to enter the controllership contest in earnest. I have been approached by men of all parties and assured that I would have their support. I have entered the contest firmly believing that if appointed and finally elected in November I will be able to render a good account of my stewardship and perform faithful service for my constituents. My aim would be to give to the people of the county a non-partisan administration. In the political arena I would have nothing to do. I would diligently safeguard the interests of the taxpaying public and be ever alert to the interests of all regardless of present or past political affiliations. The welfare of the public of the county would always be uppermost in my mind and I would give to the county the best that is in me. I am in the contest to stay and shall continue my fight until the county committee has rendered its decision. I am confident that I shall be returned a winner in this meeting and believe that I have the people with me in this contest."

The entrance of Mr. Moffitt has stirred up the hottest kind of a contest. The Washington Observer, commenting upon the situation says:

"The controllership fight is now on in earnest. John H. Moffitt, the 'Little Napoleon' of Charleston, was in Washington yesterday and announced his intention to battle for the honor of serving the taxpayers. Former Treasurer John C. Morgan, the only other avowed candidate, whom Assemblyman Carothers and Recorder Hall has had in tow for several weeks, has completed his canvass of the county. Mr. Morgan in company with Recorder Hall spent the fore part of the week along the Monongahela river, but received very little encouragement."

Recorder Hall yesterday went to Harrisburg to see Governor Stuart and have Morgan appointed. Enough telegrams were probably received by the Governor to cause him to make some inquiry before he officially appoints a controller for Washington county. A majority of the leading Republicans of Washington were visited by Candidate Moffitt yesterday (Continued on Third Page).

Sharper Catches Bentleyville Men

Procures Money From Them, It is Stated, Through Misrepresentations.

Andy Orazsky of Bentleyville was this morning held under \$900 bail by Alderman Day of Monongahela on a charge of embezzlement. It is stated that he represented himself as a banker, secured \$200, 225 and \$164 from different persons and failed to turn over the money.

DONORA PEOPLE ARE BECOMING VERY IMPATIENT

Think That Improvements Should be Started At Once.

HIGHWAY TO BE BRICKED

The people of Donora, in a hurry for promised improvements, have been impatiently waiting for the Donora Monongahela road, which was to have undergone reconstruction this summer, has not yet been started and express the fear that the road will not be finished this year. It was to be bricked, the court having favored this project.

The complaint is lodged against the road supervisors of the district. Apparently they pay little attention to the thoroughfare, and it is claimed that as a result there is not another section of road in the county in a worse condition. The citizens claim that if the bricks are not to be laid this summer, the road supervisors should at least fill the bad places with dirt.

By actual count, it is stated, there are 102 "check" holes between Donora and the Schoenberger tipples, about half way. The lower part of the road it is said is in just as bad condition.

COON HUNT.

Tuesday, August 3, 1909, under the management of the Woman's League of the M. E. church. Entrance fee, 15 cents. Will meet at the corner of Sixth street and Lincoln avenue leaving promptly at 8:30 p. m. Free lunch will be served after the hunt at the home of W. S. James. 2991t

Invitations have been issued by the Bachelors Club of young men of Monessen for a select dance to be given at Eldora Park on Thursday evening, August 5. The committee on arrangements is composed of the following: Eli H. Wolfe, S. K. Long, Wayne Hancock, C. A. Light, A. H. Hugus, and Paul Teschke.

Miss Della Curry is visiting relatives at Frostburg in Jefferson county.

CHARLESTON FRANCHMAN IS KILLED WHILE RETURNING HOME EARLY THIS MORNING

Italian is Arrested by Chief Albright and Officer Higgins, and Will Be Held For Investigation.

DEAD MAN HAD FAMILY OF CHILDREN

Benoit Vanoucke, a Franchman 47 years old was killed by an unknown assassin this morning at about 4 o'clock, by being shot down in cold blood. One man, Phillip Mouse has been arrested on suspicion and is being held until Coroner J. J. Heffran has made an investigation of the case. The body of the dead man now reposes at the undertaking rooms of Reeves and Reeves, where an inquest will be held by the coroner. It appears that Vanoucke lived at the home of Mrs. Mary Hans at 220 Meadow avenue. Last night he, with Mrs. Hans and a sister of his living at Ninth street, went to the home of another sister, Mrs. Cincheff, to sit up with a child who was seriously ill. At midnight Mrs. Hans and the other two left for their homes, according to their stories, and Mrs. Hans states the Ninth street people left her at the gate. She says she went into her house and went to bed. At 4 o'clock, according to the Cincheff people, Vanoucke left the house saying he was going to work.

Vanoucke was discovered lying on the ground with a bullet hole through his head.

The dying man was found, however, by Victor Goussey, who is an engineer at the Charleston brewery. He lives in the rear of the Hans place. He was working on the night turn, and had just come home at 4 o'clock. He had his shoe off and was making preparations to retire, when he heard the shot. He ran out of his house to the front of the Hans place, where he discovered the prostrate form lying just inside the gate. He struck a match and lifted the man's head up. Vanoucke attempted to say something, but fell back, gasping his last breath. By this time several people had arrived upon the scene, and the body was carried into the house, the physicians and undertakers being summoned later.

Coroner Heffran was notified early and made a preliminary investigation. Drs. Faddis and Patton performed an autopsy, and located the bullet at the base of the brain, it having entered the right eye. No powder stains showed. From evidence, the man had either had his head bent low, when shot, or the bullet has come from an upstairs window, most likely the former. His position within the yard was a few feet away from the

house. He had fallen forward, and slightly to one side, his body being nearly across the walk. From the way he had worked his way around, as shown by the marks of his blood, he had been walking toward the house.

When the first man on the scene arrived, he did not hear anyone running, and he did not see anyone running. Mrs. Hans stated that she was sitting up with the child, and that she did not hear the shot. She said that she did not see anyone running, and she did not see anyone running.

Questions, he betrayed no uneasiness, and seemed not to grasp the real meaning of the charge. He protested his innocence and denied having anything to do with the crime. He said he did not like Mrs. Hans very well.

In the murdered man's pockets and in his trunk were found among other things several letters. The majority of these were from his children in France. There were five of these, Cyril, Emile, Alexander, Elida and Emeline. Only in one was there reference made to a mother. It is stated that Vanoucke was married, however, and had a wife living in France. The letters were read by E. J. Charles of the Savings and Trust company. There was nothing in them of interest.

Coroner J. J. Heffran left the case in the hands of Chief Albright to work up, and much will depend on the result of his investigations at the inquest. According to Mr. Charles, and other persons who knew the man, he was a hard drinker. The Italian, Mouse, stated that he had had a quarrel with Vanoucke when the latter was drunk. All who have made investigations into the affair say it is a plain case of murder, and could not be suicide.

CO-OPERATIVE STORE DOES MUCH BUSINESS

The Charleston Co-operative Store has just published a statement of business done by the institution for the quarter ending June 26. The receipts for this period were \$14,260.05.

Compared with those of the same quarter last year, which were \$8,606.12, the past quarter's business shows a gain of 75 per cent. During the year the membership has increased from 282 to 512; a gain of 230 new members.

Cash dividends to the amount of \$766.37 have been realized from the profits of last quarter's business and this will be distributed among the members at the rate of five percent on each one's purchases. The dividend days are August 5, 6 and 7. The dividends are paid in cash, or if the members desire they can be left to accumulate and draw six per cent interest.

Six years ago this store started on a small scale with 32 members. It is conducted on what is known as the "Rockdale plan," a system of co-operation that has proved the best of time and is constantly successful. The

AGREEMENT REACHED BY MINERS AND OFFICIALS

National President Thomas L. Lewis and other officials of the United Mine Workers of America, with representatives of the Pittsburgh Coal company, held a conference in the offices of George Hosack, vice president of the coal company in Pittsburgh yesterday. A satisfactory agreement on everything brought up for discussion except the matter of safety explosives was brought about. This is to be discussed further at a meeting of representatives of the miners, coal operators and the State Mine Inspector next week.

Both miners and the officials of the coal company will accept the decision of the State authority as to what the law provides and will be guided by that. The meeting will be attended by coal operators throughout the Pittsburgh district, as it is claimed all are equally interested in the matter.

association now has two up-to-date mines, one in Charleston and one at Pottsville.

SEVERE ELECTRICAL STORM IN VICINITY YESTERDAY

Light Question to Be Settled in Court

Injunction Asked by Monongahela Resident Upon Council and Light Company.

Henry Elliott, a resident of the third ward, Monongahela, as the result of the awarding of the light contract a few weeks ago to the West Penn Electric Co., by the Monongahela council secured a temporary injunction by order of the court this morning which he asks to be made permanent against the city and West Penn Electric company. This is to keep them from carrying out the terms of the recent ordinance. The papers have been served on the borough officials and head men of the West Penn company. It is stated that Elliott is one of the "gas light" partisans. August 3 has been appointed the date for a hearing.

TWO NARROWLY ESCAPE DEATH

and Run Square When It Falls.

DAMAGE DONE TO BUGGY

Henry Lucas, and Reny Verklaren, in the latter's buggy, had a narrow escape from serious injury yesterday afternoon, when the horse drawing the rig became frightened at a car on the West Side Street railway line and ran away.

The horse was being driven by Lucas. It was but a two-year-old, and had not been driven much before. Lucas tried to pass the car at Fifth street, when the horse took fright and darted northward, toward Fourth street. The shafts broke loose and beat upon the animal's back causing it to become more scared than ever. At Fourth street it turned up, but in so doing fell down. This stopped its mad rush, and the men in the buggy were able to jump out and get at the horse's head.

The animal was somewhat injured by the fall, but there were no serious consequences. One of the wheels of the buggy was broken. Had the horse kept its feet when it turned up Fourth street it is more than likely than the men in the rig would have been thrown against the curbing and seriously injured or killed.

To Open Vaudeville Season.

The Star Theatre of Monessen is making arrangements for the opening of the vaudeville season for the coming year on next Monday. Several from Charleston are expected to attend.

One of Worst Electrical Storms For Years in Char.

FOUNDRY STRUCK TWICE

Practically No Damage Done However When the Fire Struck.

One of the worst electrical storms of the worst ever experienced in this section was that of yesterday afternoon. Little damage was done as far as can be seen, although the lightning struck in Charleston.

The Charleston Foundry and Machine company's plant was struck, but but little damage was done. The most noticeable thing was that the lightning struck there, and in the same place there was a vertical column of fire works. Some of the machinery part received a slight shock, but not was hurt. The electrical storm was the worst in years.

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New York Grocery.

Fancy potatoes, 30 cents bushel.
Granulated sugar, 25 lb. sack, \$1.30.
Mason qt. jars per doz, 43 cents.
Mason pt. jars per doz, 38 cents.
Flour per sack \$1.65.
Magic yeast 3 boxes for 10 cents.
Salt per sack 3 cents.
The New York Grocery. 299-J31-A3

Millinery Fire Sale.

The sale of the fire and water damaged stock of Mrs. Dawson, will be continued during the coming week at 403 McKean avenue, Charleston, Pa. 2991t

Dawson's fire sale of millinery and notions, commencing Friday, July 30, 403 McKean avenue, Charleston. 29513

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LOCAL AGENCIES
George S. Migh, Charleroi
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E. L. Kibler, Lock No. 4

Aug. 7 In American History.

1721—Jonathan Edwards, distinguished
theologian, died at Schenectady,
N. Y.; born 1743.
1748—Marka Mitchell, noted astronomer,
born in Nantucket, Mass.;
died 1880.
1908—100 square miles of forest in
British Columbia swept by a con-
flagration started by bush fires;
loss \$7,000,000; many deaths.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 7:11, rises 4:53; moon rises
7:43 p. m.; 4:06 p. m., eastern time, full
moon. In constellation Capricornus;
two full moons this month. Constella-
tions visible, 8:50 p. m., in August—
Perseus, Hercules, Lyra, north, Dra-
co, Ursa Minor, northeast, Cassiopeia,
Andromeda, Cepheus, Cygnus, east;
Pegasus, Aquarius, Delphinus, south-
east, Capricornus, south, Aquila, Ophi-
uchus, Serpens, Sagittarius, Scorpio,
southwest, Libra, west, Virgo, Corona
Borealis, Bootes, northwest, Canes
Venatici, Ursa Major, bright stars vis-
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Venus, 6, northeast, Deneb, 20, south-
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The greatest individual feat ever performed was one by which Bill Lange saved a game for Chicago and sent for himself in Washington in 1908. There is an old story connected with the play. Lange had missed a train in Boston two days before, failed to reach New York in time to play there, and Anson had fined him \$100. Thereupon he missed a train to Washington, arrived on the grounds after the teams had practiced and just in time to play, and for that Anson fined him another \$100. The game that afternoon went eleven innings. Chicago scoring one run in the eleventh. There were two men out and a runner on the bases when "Kip" Selbach, then one of the hardest hitters in the business, smote the ball a terrific blow and sent it flying over Lange's head toward the center field fence. The hit seemed a sure home run, but Lange, a man weighing 225 pounds, turned and without looking sprang desperately straight out toward the fence, racing with the flying ball. At the last instant as the ball was coming over his head, Lange leaped, stuck up both hands, turned a somersault and crashed against the fence. The boards splintered, one entire panel crashed outward, and out of the wreckage crawled Lange, holding the ball in his hand, and the crowd went mad. Lange came limping in, with the crowd standing on seats shouting, and he said to Anson, "Kiss me, cap?" "Nope," said Anson, and the catch had saved the big fielder \$200.—Hugh S. Fullerton in American Magazine.

THE FIRST ALMANACS.

They Attempted to Foretell Men's Destiny From the Stars.

The almanac, properly so called in its origin, is not merely a device for keeping people in mind of the progress of the year. It is an attempt to show what destiny has in store for us as indicated by the position of the stars in any particular year, and as, according to astrological lore, the destinies of men are ruled by the different aspects of the planets, so also the human body is subject to the influence of the constellations through which the sun appears to pass in his yearly course. A French almanac of 1610 gives a diagram of the human body surrounded by all the signs of the zodiac and indicates the various organs and members over which these signs have power, and this for a guide to the signs, or to show at what period blood may be let with safety. But the same almanac also gives directions sensible enough for the avoidance of the plague which would not be found fault with by a modern fashionable physician.

It would keep his body in health, and guard the infection of the plague, and keep his soul and his body safe. Avoid places where infections abound and cherish joyous company.

A few examples exist of almanacs of this character before the invention of printing, although none is believed earlier than the twelfth century. But some of the earliest specimens of printing are black printed German sheet almanacs, which are chiefly concerned about blood letting.—Westminster Gazette.

Wasted Time.

Mrs. Newrich was growing accustomed to power. She enjoyed it and was irritated when any one presumed to differ from her in opinion. When the sailing party of which she had been a member landed on the shores of the lake rain-soaked and frightened, Mrs. Newrich was the only one who cared to talk.

"It could all have been avoided, if that captain had done as I told him," she said between the chattering of her teeth as the party stood huddled under a small shelter.

"When I saw that cloud coming from that corner of the lake I said to him, 'I think you'd better make straight for home, and not spend any more time tacking,' but he paid no more attention than as if I hadn't spoken!"—Youth's Companion.

He Didn't Bet.

"A man in my county," said a Kansas congressman, "was always anxious to bet on his game of checkers. One time he was about to play a game for \$10 with a fellow called Three Fingers Jack. Suddenly one of his friends exclaimed:

"Don't bet, Charlie. Don't you know that fellow wore two fingers playing checkers? That's why he's called Three Fingers Jack."

"That settled it. The bet was never made. A man who had worn off two fingers by brushing them up and down the checkerboard was too much for my friend."—Kansas City Journal.

A Bitter Disappointment.

"When I was in Paris," remarked the collector of curios, "I discovered in a bookstall a volume which I knew at first glance to be of extraordinary value. I could scarcely believe my good luck. Breathless, I inquired the price of the dealer. Just think of it! I could have had that treasure for a song!"

"Well, why didn't you get it?"

"Never could slug a note in my life," cried the collector, bursting into tears.—New York Times.

The Audience Moved.

He had been trying to start a revival fervor, but the audience was unresponsive. "O ye of flinty hearts," he cried, "will nothing move you?" "Pass the hat, boss," answered the gamin, "and we move immediately."—Florida Times-Union.

What the wind gathers the devils scatter.—Greek Proverb.

IS APPRECIATED

At a meeting Tuesday of the directors of the Waynesburg and Monongahela Street Railway company, R. B. Stebbins of Charleroi was appointed chief engineer. This line is projected to connect Waynesburg with the Monongahela river at Millsboro. It is announced that by the middle of August work will be commenced on an extensive scale. Material will be shipped in over the Washington and Waynesburg road, and this week 300 men were put to work laying a switch to move the material.

The line will be an important one, and will greatly aid in the development of the resources of Greene county.

Dawson's fire sale of millinery and notions commencing Friday, July 30, 403 McKean avenue, Charleroi. 29543

PATTI'S EARNINGS.

The Famous Prima Donna a Fine Business Woman.

Adelina Patti never suffered from the financial timidity of a Jenny Lind. Not only was she a supreme vocalist, but, as Colonel Mapleson remarked, "No one ever approached her in the art of obtaining from a manager the greatest possible sum he could by any possibility contrive to pay." But the musical miracle was the spoiled darling of her day, and she never failed to obtain exactly what she wanted. She was first engaged in London, in 1861, by Mapleson, to sing four nights "on approval" and, in case of success, to obtain £40 a week. This contract was not fulfilled, however, for, being hard pressed financially, she had borrowed £50 from a rival manager, and her receipt proved practically a contract.

This was the beginning of a career so dazzling that its successive steps are simply a series of increasing banknotes. In 1872 she obtained in London 200 guineas a night, since she insisted on having more than Christine Nilsson, who was receiving £200. She sang twice a week. Ten years later she was given \$5,000 a night. Her famous contract to sing in America provided that the money should be paid to her at 2 o'clock on the day she sang; also a drawing room and sleeping car to be especially built for her, with conservatory, fernery, etc. Further, there was to be deposited to her credit \$50,000 for payment of the last ten performances—Patti's favorite device. She thus received about twenty times what Marie and Grisi got.

Her private car incidentally cost \$50,000 and contained a silver bath and gold keys to the doors, to say nothing of a \$2,000 piano. Patti gave to the manager only her voice and her costumes. Her drawing capacity justified this. "Tasha," as an example, was sung to an average of \$14,000. "Traviata" drew more, since she sang more notes. It was a frequent occurrence among the poorer music lovers to buy a club ticket and each take turns at hearing her for twenty minutes. If one overstayed his time he paid for the entire ticket. Some mathematicians computed by dividing the number of notes sung into the sum paid that in "Semiramide" Patti received 42½ cents for each note. This was found to be just 7 1/10 cents per note more than Rossini got for writing the whole opera.

RACE WAGERS IN INDIA.

Native Method of Choosing a Winner and Making Bets.

The native of India wagers his money according to the colors worn by the jockeys and takes no heed of the merits of the horses, or he will back a horse ridden by his favorite jockey, no matter whether the animal is a rank outsider or not.

His ideas of gambling, in fact, are distinctly novel. Some of the more wealthy Indians form rings and back every horse in the race, thus gaining the satisfaction of getting a winner every time. It is really only of late years that the native of India has become a habitual gambler on the turf, and nowadays the bulk of the betting of the various racing centers in India is done by natives. Indeed, the authorities are somewhat concerned about the growth of the betting which takes place among Indian natives. It being asserted that as many as thirty lacs of rupees (about \$300,000) is lost and won in the course of a season.

The ignorant masses have not a great deal of actual money to wager, but so badly bitten are many of them with the craze for betting at race meetings that they frequently wager what little property they possess on a horse, and if they lose they simply replace their loss by stealing a neighbor's goods. The consequence is that when the racing season comes around the police are kept very busy dealing with cases of petty larceny and other crimes involving loss of property.—London Tit-Bits.

Waked Them Up.

Dr. Hahn Richter, the famous conductor, while supervising a rehearsal in a London theater once was much annoyed at the calm way the players were taking the impassioned music. "Gentlemen, gentlemen," said he, suddenly stopping short, "you're all playing like married men, not like lovers."—Westminster Gazette.

Candidate for Governor

(Continued from First Page.) and they are now out openly for the Charleroi man, believing that the best interests of the taxpaying public demands that Morgan be defeated. Morgan's record as treasurer of the county is no recommendation to the Governor and doubtless will cause his defeat in the county committee meeting two to one.

Most all of the independent Republicans endorsed Moffitt yesterday and practically all the politicians outside the court house are for him. Morgan is boosted only by those within the court house—those whose accounts are to be audited.

The announcement that Former Treasurer Morgan's account had been cut down \$629 or more by the county auditors in the last audit caused much talk out in the county yesterday. His boom was punctured in several places by this report, many arguing that a county treasurer who would tax up two fees upon the same money is not a fit man to serve the taxpayers in the controller's office.

Morgan's munificent salary of \$30,000 for three years' work is thought to be sufficient reward for the Canonsburger who was never able to make much headway politically. His service to the party has been small. The anxiety of so many of the court house officials to have Morgan made controller has excited much suspicion throughout the county. The farmers in the rural districts are asking why these officials are so anxious to have Morgan audit their accounts.

Petitions to Governor Stuart asking for the appointment of Mr. Moffitt have been circulated throughout the county and they are being liberally signed.

The decree of the local court relative to the appointment of a controller was certified to Governor Stuart Thursday by Prothonotary Ward. The office of controller has now been created and it is up to County Chairman Miller to summon the members of the county committee to meet in Washington and select a candidate to go upon the Republican ballot in the November election for the full term.

While Mr. Moffitt confidently expects to be named by Governor Stuart for the short term or vacancy, the Governor's failure will not deter him in the least in his campaign before the county committee.

North Charleroi.

Robert McGowan is sojourning at Atlantic City.

Miss Maud Hamilton of Venetia was a guest on Monday at the home of John Evans.

Miss Blanche Geho returned home Monday after spending a few days with Mrs. A. L. Taylor of Rice's Landing.

Walter Rockwell of Shady Grove Park, Uniontown, spent Sunday at his home here.

Mrs. Mary Speakman is spending some time at Chautauque.

Miss Mildred Moss of Elizabeth spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. John McClure.

Miss Celina Hagerty is visiting friends in Greene county.

The Misses Grace and Blanche Phillips were Coal Centre visitors Sunday.

Miss Selma and Master Pete Price left last week for a visit with relatives in Ohio.

Miss Myrtle Emerson of Monessen was a Tuesday evening caller at the home of F. C. Alexander.

Mrs. T. B. Jackson is visiting relatives in Ashland, Ohio.

Miss Isabelle Scott of Nebraska, Pa., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. John McCool.

Mrs. George Wittemyre of Kansas City, Mo., and Miss Jennie MacGregor of Rice's Landing, are visiting their cousin, Mrs. William Kline of North Charleroi.

Best of People and Events in this Community.

Bruce Barnett and Stewart McKean were visitors yesterday in Pittsburg, having attended the ball game of Philadelphia and Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Mountsler, William Potter and Miss Dora Potter are business visitors today in Pittsburg.

Mrs. Edwin McKay and children have gone to Panxutawney to visit the farmer's parents through August.

Col. A. F. Stewart leaves for Detroit tonight. He will join Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coles there and return with them in their auto by way of Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

Mrs. W. E. Heft, who has been a guest for a few days of Mrs. Lewis of Prospect avenue, left this morning for her home in Logan, Ohio.

Miss Winifred Browne has returned from a visit of several days in Morgantown, W. Va.

Mrs. George Woodhall and daughter Miss Helen have returned from Chautauque, N. Y., where they spent several days.

Mrs. A. P. Buckholdt of Grove City, formerly of this place, is spending a few days at the home of E. H. Harrison on Washington avenue.

Mrs. J. K. Tener left for Philadelphia today, where she will remain over Sunday.

Miss Mand Schuyler of Lock Haven is a visitor at the home of her relative, Geo. L. Schuyler, Esq.

George Cooper returned last night from Somerset, where he had been visiting friends in the camp of the Second Brigade.

Dawson's fire sale of millinery and notions, commencing Friday, July 30, 403 McKean avenue, Charleroi. 29543

In order to avoid a rush similar to the one which occurred last Saturday night we would advise early shopping. Adolph of course. 29824

\$2 Contributed.

Up to the present time \$2 have been contributed at the Mail office to the fund for the relief of Mr. Svitals the aged Polishman who is dying in one of the houses at Shovel Row. No arrangements have been made to apply the funds to the purpose for which they are donated, and those who started the movement should see to carrying it out.

Come early and avoid the rush, as our big \$1.00 sale seems to be more of a drawing card than ever. Adolph of course. 29824

Classified Ads

WANTED

Wanted—Carpet Weaver, give full particulars or call care 88 of Mail office. 2904f

WANTED—Experienced cook. Inquire Fallowfield Avenue Restaurant, 616 Fallowfield avenue.

WANTED—A House. Gentleman with small family wants to rent house of 7 rooms and bath, in good location. Will pay \$20.00 to \$30.00. Mr. Norman, care J. W. Berryman and Son. 299eod

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Five room flat with bath. See Hall or Whitlatch, Fourth and Fallowfield. 2984f

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—One bay horse seven years old, sound, extra good worker, weight 1400.

L. J. Hopkins, Coal Center. 29366

R. D. Bell Phone, East Bethlehem, Pa.

CHRISTIAN'S MATCHLESS FLOUR

"MODERATE IN PRICE"

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FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

We are headquarters for fruits and vegetables. We go to the market and buy on the spot. We have the cash and use it to the best advantage to our members. We sell the same goods for less money, and more goods for the same money than any other merchants. Although selling cheaper, we still make a profit, but where we differ from the private merchant is that, instead of keeping the profits for personal use, we divide and pay it back to the customers, our members, in shape of dividends. Last quarter we saved and are paying our members \$766.37 in dividends.

Extra fancy potatoes, per bushel..... 95c
Onions, per bushel..... 95c
Lemons, per doz..... 19c
Matchless best flour, per sack..... \$1.75
Sugar, per 25 lb. sack..... \$1.35

THE CO-OPERATIVE STORE

MEAT PRICES

That Will be of Interest to You

Fresh Country Butter..... 25c lb
Country Eggs..... 25c doz
Round Steak..... 18c lb
Tenderloin Steak..... 20c lb
Sirloin Steak..... 22c lb
Chuck Roast..... 2 lbs. for 25c
Best Roast..... 15c lb
Pork Chops..... 18c lb
Pork Shoulder..... 15c lb
Veal Chops..... 18c lb
Veal Cutlets..... 23c lb
Leg Lamb Roast..... 20c lb
Lamb Chops..... 18c lb

Moody Meat Market

901 Crest Ave. Charleroi, Pa.

SLASHING PRICES ON DRUGGETS

Read—Think—Act

\$38.00 Fine Avonminister 9x12 now only..... \$26.25
\$35.00 Seamless Body Brussels 9x12 now only..... 22.50
20.00 Fine Brussels 9x12 now only..... 12.75

DON'T FORGET THE PLACE

Southern Furniture Company,

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

Niagara Falls

AND RETURN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 1909

EXCURSION TICKETS good to return on regular trains until August 11, inclusive, will be sold at the following low rates:

Regular trains leave	Rate	Regular trains leave	Rate
Redstone Jc..... 7:30 A.M.	\$4.50	Courtney..... 7:30 A.M.	\$4.50
Smock..... 8:00 A.M.	\$4.50	Birama..... 7:45 A.M.	\$4.50
W. Brownsv..... 8:20 A.M.	\$4.50	W. Elizabeth..... 7:50 A.M.	\$4.50
Brownsville..... 8:30 A.M.	\$4.50	Clairton..... 7:55 A.M.	\$4.50
California..... 8:40 A.M.	\$4.50	Wilkes..... 8:00 A.M.	\$4.50
Coal Center..... 8:50 A.M.	\$4.50	Coal Valley..... 8:05 A.M.	\$4.50
Roscoe..... 9:00 A.M.	\$4.50	Dravosburg..... 8:10 A.M.	\$4.50
Allenport..... 9:10 A.M.	\$4.50	Cochran..... 8:15 A.M.	\$4.50
Boyle Vernon..... 9:20 A.M.	\$4.50	Oilcr..... 8:20 A.M.	\$4.50
Charleroi..... 9:30 A.M.	\$4.50	Munhall..... 8:25 A.M.	\$4.50
W. Monessen..... 9:40 A.M.	\$4.50	Homestead..... 8:30 A.M.	\$4.50
Donora..... 9:50 A.M.	\$4.50	Twelfth Street..... 8:35 A.M.	\$4.50
Monon City..... 10:00 A.M.	\$4.50	Fourth Ave..... 8:40 A.M.	\$4.50

Passengers change at PITTSBURG to regular trains leaving Union Station 9:00 A. M., 1:10 P. M., and 11:00 P. M.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY FROM THE FALLS TO THE WHIRLPOOL

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It Costs No More Than to Look Poorly Clad

We can demonstrate that we are able to save you money on your Tailoring. But—Why not get that old suit pressed and cleaned up a bit. Anyhow call on

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Will Cook a Dainty Meal right on the Table for 11-4 Cents.

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New Hand Bags

Beautiful new styles. Hand bags are going to be very good. Every lady will carry one this fall. And every lady will want several because they are so very pretty. 50c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.50. Better value and more for the money than we have ever sold before.

New Neckwear

For Saturday selling a few very choice new collars and jabots. Very neat and extremely swell. There is no doubt about our being the leading neckwear store and these are as choice as any we have had. Only 25c but worth more.

Cleanso

A new hand paste too. Its effect is wonderful. No matter how soiled or dirty or rough your hands are, wash them with Cleanso and the skin is like velvet and pure and white.

Big Whisk

Brooms 25c

Big value, big brooms. The best quality you ever saw for 25c. Special style for house cleaning and for sweeping stairs. If you don't need the big kind we have a nice lot of the small fine ones for brushing clothes.

Fine White Lawns

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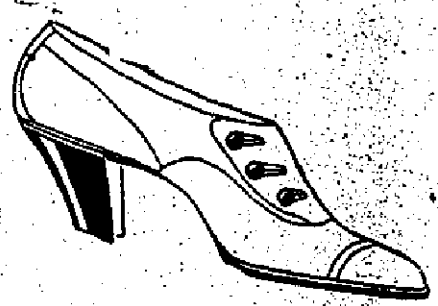
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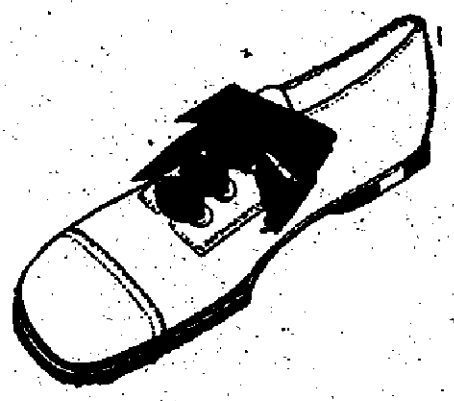


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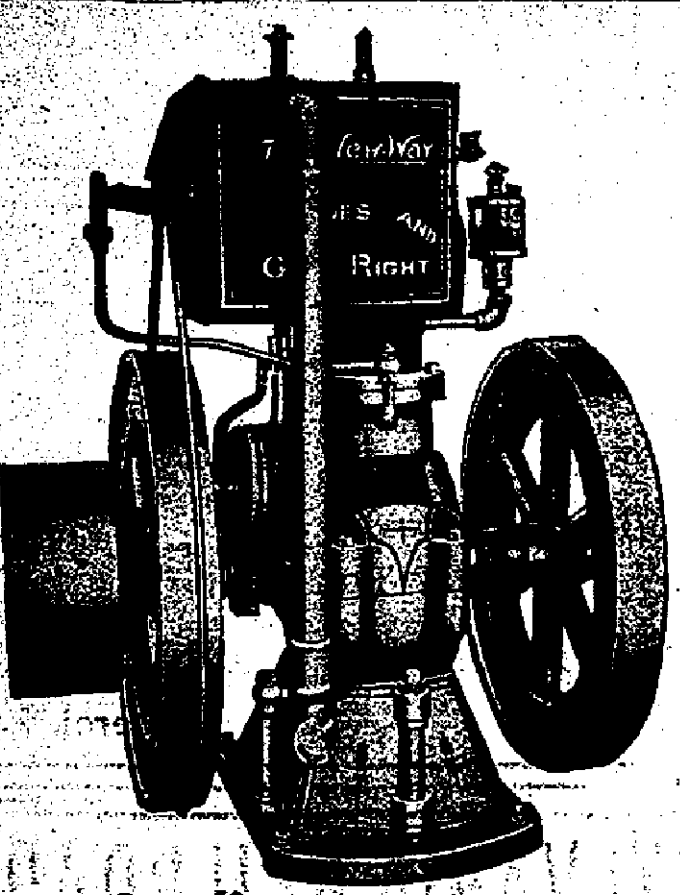


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One winter afternoon in the year 16—two men were strolling in earnest conversation over that space which is now known as Boston Common. They were Judge William Goffe and Edward Whalley, famous political refugees from England. Both celebrated fighters, they had always vanquished their individual enemies, but the government, which saw fit to prescribe the rules of worship, had been too strong for them, and they had fled to the new colony of Massachusetts.

"What means that knot of people gaping over there?" asked Goffe of his companion, pausing and looking in the direction indicated.

"That," said Whalley, shading his eyes against the sun with his hand, "must be the fencing master who has recently come over from England and who is making himself notorious by defying any or all to engage with him in sword play."

"A braggart, I suppose. Surely, those men who make a pleasure of fighting would be brought to their senses if transferred to this land, where they must needs fight the earth to produce sustenance and the red men to maintain life. But let us go and see what it means."

Approaching the crowd, they stood by a platform on which struted a man flourishing a sword, boasting of his skill, and larding some one of those listening to him to come up and fence with him.

"The insufferable braggart!" exclaimed Goffe.

"I have a mind," said Whalley, "to give him his bellyful of his own food."

"Not so," said Whalley, "you would demean yourself by fighting a bantam cock like that."

And the two passed on.

The next day, again walking in the same direction, they espied at a distance the bantam still strutting on his stage, challenging any man in the colony to fight with him.

then saw an adversary on his stage equipped rather for housecleaning than for a clash of steel.

"Get down from here!" the fencer ordered. "This stage is not for such as you. I wish an adversary."

"I'll not get down till I am driven down," replied the judge.

"Then I'll drive you," replied the fencer, making a pass or, rather, a poke with his sword at the intruder. Goffe raised his cheese in place of a shield, and the steel passing into it, the fencer was not able to withdraw it before his adversary had dabbled his face with the mop. For a moment he stood paralyzed with surprise, looking at the impudent countryman who had dared to oppose him with a cheese for a shield and a mop for a sword. Then, feeling dirty water dripping down his neck, he made another thrust. Again the judge dexterously received the sword in his cheese, and this time his counterstroke resulted in a poke that bladed the swordsman with soft mud.

By this time the assembled crowd were laughing or hooting. On the one hand stood the fencing master beside himself with rage and mortification, while the other, the country bumpkin, his cheese lowered, his nose pointed with his offensive end near the boards, waiting for a renewal of the contest. As such as the bantam could recover his sight he made another thrust. For the third time the point of his sword penetrated the cheese, and for the third time the fencer's face was dabbled with mud, now almost unrecognizable from its coating. The maddened man dropped his fencing sword, took up a huge broadsword and started at his enemy like a fury.

"Stop, sir!" said the judge. "Hither to I have only played with you and not attempted to do you harm, but if you come at me with that broadsword know that I will certainly take your life."

The words were spoken so firmly, there was such a change in the mien of the speaker, transformed as he was from a rustic to a man of evident intellect as well as physical vigor, that the swordsman was impressed. Dropping the point of his weapon, he stood regarding his singular enemy with curiosity rather than anger.

"Who are you?" cried the fencing master. "You must be either Goffe or Whalley or the devil, for there was no man in England who could beat me, and surely if there was none there there can be none here."

"I am William Goffe," replied the judge, "and this gentleman is Edward Whalley. As for the devil, we have left him across the sea, where maybe he still pretends God's servants from avenging as their consciences dictate. As for you, sir, if you are so desirous to contend in arms let it be with the sword, instead of the sword that you may produce bread for your children."

USE SIGNALS OF INDIANS.

Army Experts Adopt Many Ideas of the Aborigines.

Just as the fighting men of the United States army many years ago took lessons from the Indians and from their methods of warfare devised and perfected the system of extended order or skirmish drills which have proved so effective, so the signal corps of the army has followed to a large extent the red men's methods of conveying information from point to point where there is not time to string telegraph or telephone lines or where wireless telegraph is unavailable.

As the Indians since prehistoric times have used columns of smoke in various combinations to signal the approach of an enemy or to transmit other messages, so the army signalmen have found most effective what are known as smoke bombs or smoke rockets. The former are fired from a small mortar, the latter in the same way as Fourth of July fireworks. Each when reaching a desired height, regulated by a fuse, bursts and liberates a pyric acid compound, which lights and burns colored fires, one after the other, so arranged in the cartridge as to convey a message to those who may be watching for it. These cartridges are made in sections, each containing its own different colored fire, and threaded to screw together in a fraction of a minute.

These military fireworks, as they might aptly be called, are packed in hermetically sealed cans, much in the same manner as tinned meats, with the same sort of thumb-screw attachment for opening them quickly. In this way they keep indefinitely in any climate and have been found particularly effective in the campaigns in the Philippines.

While the navy does not employ so complicated a system of rocket and bomb signaling as does the army, every warship carries a supply of powerful rockets, which liberate on bursting a series of brilliant white stars for the purpose of calling attention to other signals which are transmitted by a system of combinations of colored electric lights strung from a masthead and operated from a switchboard much on the plan of a typewriter, called the Ardois system. But both branches of the service employ an odd sort of pistol, the invention of a naval officer, which shoots from cartridges "stars" similar to those of a roman candle of any color. The combinations which can be made in this manner practically are numberless.—Popular Mechanics.

FATE OF THE BRAAKE.

A Treasure Ship That Lies Buried Off Cape Henlopen.

Somewhere in deep water off Cape Henlopen lies over half a million in British gold, and how much more in gold and silver bars and coins and other treasures can only be guessed at. In 1798 the British privateer "Braake" sailed for the west Atlantic bearing enough gold to pay off all the English troops stationed in various parts of the new world. As the soldiers had not been paid in many months the sum was a large one.

Whether the captain of the Braake decided to turn pirate or whether he merely was showing excessive zeal in making war on all the enemies of England that he met on the high seas and intended to turn over his loot to the crown on his return will never be known, but the fact that the Braake took no prisoners and sank every prize goes a long way toward proving the piracy theory. The Braake captured a Spanish merchantman coming up from South American ports laden with rich tribute from the Spanish colonies there, transferred the precious cargo to her own hold and burned the vessel.

Another Spanish ship, bringing a church service of richly jeweled gold plate to a new world cathedral encountered the privateer and suffered the same fate. The next to fall a victim to the Braake's rapacity was a Frenchman carrying silks, spices, brandy and bars of silver. That, too, was sent to the bottom after it was despoiled.

The Braake was overtaken by a hurricane when nearing the American coast, was blown far out of her course and sank off Cape Henlopen. Several of the crew escaped in a small boat and reached land. Their tales of the treasure on the sunken ship caused several expeditions to be fitted out the following year, but nothing was brought up save pieces of the anchor chains and a cannon or two. During the last hundred years every effort to raise any part of the treasure has failed.

The last attempt was made by Captain Charles Adams, who fitted out a ship under the auspices of the navy department, but was unable to locate the wreck, which is probably by this time deeply submerged in the ooze and mud of the ocean bed.—New York Press.

Respect For Old Age.

"Jonas, did you beat that rug accord-in' to orders?"

"No, S'manthy; I just didn't."

"Didn't? What's the reason, I'd like to know?"

"Cause, S'manthy, when I got it out on the line there an' saw how frittered an' feeble it was I didn't have the heart to lambaste it. I know I have a shortage of virtues, S'manthy, but I want you to know that respect for old age isn't one of 'em."—Boston Courier.

Going to Law.

The man who goes to law for the purpose of obtaining satisfaction generally gets so many other things that he forgets all about the satisfaction if there is any in it for him.—Chicago Record-Herald.

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SHOT DOWN IN COLD BLOOD

LOCAL MAN ANNOUNCES AS CANDIDATE FOR CONTROLLER

John H. Moffitt To Again Seek Honors in the Political Field.

REPUBLICANS FOR MOFFITT

Independents Favor Him Rather Than Morgan—Petitions to Governor Stuart.

After a consultation with his friends at Washington and elsewhere, John H. Moffitt has entered the contest for county controller, and is in the fight to stay to the finish. He is a candidate for appointment by the Governor, and failing in that will come before the county committee, who will make the nomination for election this fall. Mr. Moffitt's formal announcement is as follows:

"After numerous requests from friends and others I have decided to enter the controllership contest in earnest. I have been approached by men of all parties and assured that I would have their support. I have entered the contest firmly believing that if appointed and finally elected in November I will be able to render a good account of my stewardship and perform faithful service for my constituents. My aim would be to give to the people of the county a non-partisan administration and with factional politics I would have nothing to do. I would diligently safeguard the interests of the taxpaying public and be ever alert to the interests of all regardless of present or past political affiliations. The welfare of the public of the county would always be uppermost in my mind and I would give to the county the best that is in me. I am in the contest to stay and shall continue my fight until the county committee has rendered its decision. I am confident that I shall be returned a winner in this contest and believe that I have the people with me in this contest."

The entrance of Mr. Moffitt has stirred up the hottest kind of a contest. The Washington Observer, commenting upon the situation says:

"The controllership fight is now on in earnest. John H. Moffitt, the 'Little Napoleon' of Charleroi, was in Washington yesterday and announced his intention to battle for the honor of serving the taxpayers. Former Treasurer John C. Morgan, the only other avowed candidate, whom Assemblyman Carothers and Recorder Hall has had in tow for several weeks, has completed his canvass of the county. Mr. Morgan in company with Recorder Hall spent the fore part of the week along the Monongahela river, but received very little encouragement."

Recorder Hall yesterday went to Harrisburg to see Governor Stuart and have Morgan appointed. Enough telegrams were probably received by the Governor to cause him to make some inquiry before he officially appoints a controller for Washington county. A majority of the leading Republicans of Washington were visited by 'Candidate' Moffitt yesterday.

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Sharper Catches Bentleyville Men

Procures Money From Them, It is Stated, Through Misrepresentations.

Andy Orazsky of Bentleyville, was this morning held under \$900 bail by Alderman Day of Monongahela on a charge of embezzlement. It is stated that he represented himself as a banker, secured \$200, 225 and \$164 from different persons and failed to turn over the money.

DONORA PEOPLE ARE BECOMING VERY IMPATIENT

Think That Improvements Should be Started At Once.

HIGHWAY TO BE BRICKED

The people of Donora, in a hurry for promised improvements, have begun to complain that work on the Donora Monongahela road, which was to have undergone reconstruction this summer, has not yet been started and express the fear that the road will not be finished this year. It was to be bricked, the court having favored this project.

The complaint is lodged against the road supervisors of the district. Apparently they pay little attention to the thoroughfare, and it is claimed that as a result there is not another section of road in the county in a worse condition. The citizens claim that if the bricks are not to be laid this summer, the road supervisors should at least fill the bad places with dirt.

By actual count, it is stated, there are 102 "chuck" holes between Donora and the Schoenbergerville, about half way. The lower part of the road it is said is in just as bad condition.

COON HUNT

Tuesday, August 3, 1909, under the management of the Woman's League of the M. E. church. Entrance fee, 15 cents. Will meet at the corner of Sixth street and Lincoln avenue leaving promptly at 8:30 p. m. Free lunch will be served after the hunt at the home of W. S. James. 29911

Invitations have been issued by the Bachelors Club of young men of Monessen for a select dance to be given at Eldora Park on Thursday evening, August 5. The committee on arrangements is composed of the following: Eli H. Wolfe, S. K. Long, Wayne Hancock, C. A. Light, A. H. Hugus, and Paul Teschke.

Miss Della Curry is visiting relatives at Frostburg in Jefferson county.

CHARLEROI FRENCHMAN IS KILLED WHILE RETURNING HOME EARLY THIS MORNING

Italian is Arrested by Chief Albright and Officer Higgins, and Will Be Held For Investigation.

DEAD MAN HAD FAMILY OF CHILDREN

Benoit Vanoucke, a Frenchman 47 years old was killed by an unknown assassin this morning at about 4 o'clock, by being shot down in cold blood. One man, Phillip Mouse, has been arrested on suspicion and is being held until Coroner J. J. Heffran has made an investigation of the case. The body of the dead man now reposes at the undertaking rooms of Reeves and Reeves, where an inquest will be held by the coroner. It appears that Vanoucke lived at the home of Mrs. Mary Hans at 220 Meadow avenue. Last night he, with Mrs. Hans and a sister of his living at Ninth street, went to the home of another sister, Mrs. Cinchee, to sit up with a child who was seriously ill. At midnight Mrs. Hans and the other two left for their homes, according to their stories. Mrs. Hans states the Ninth street people left her at the gate. She says she went into her house and went to bed. At 4 o'clock, according to the Cinchee people, Vanoucke left the house saying he was going home. About five minutes later a shot was heard and Vanoucke was discovered lying on the ground with a bullet hole through his head.

The dying man was found, however, by Victor Goussey, who is an engineer at the Charleroi brewery. He lives in the rear of the Hans place. He was working on the night turn, and had just come home at 4 o'clock. He had his shoe off and was making preparations to retire, when he heard the shot. He ran out of his house to the front of the Hans place, where he discovered the prostrate form lying just inside the gate. He struck a match and lifted the man's head up. Vanoucke attempted to say something but fell back, gasping his last breath. By this time several people had arrived upon the scene, and the body was carried into the house, the physicians and undertakers being summoned later.

Coroner Heffran was notified early and made a preliminary investigation. Drs. Faddis and Patton performed an autopsy, and located the bullet at the base of the brain, it having entered the right eye. No powder stains showed. From evidences the man had either had his head bent low, when shot, or the bullet has come from an upstairs window, most likely the former. His position within the yard was a few feet away from the

gate. He had fallen forward, and slightly to one side, his body being diagonally across the walk. From this he had worked his way around, as shown by the marks of the blood, to his head being toward the house. Goussey, the first man on the scene, says that he did not hear anyone running away.

Mrs. Hans stated that she was sleeping with one of her daughters in a front room at the time. Neither heard the shot, but they did hear the sister of the murdered man, she said. Chief of Police Albright and Officer Higgins were summoned to the place shortly after the occurrence, and began making investigations at once. They found that Vanoucke was said to have quarreled with an Italian, the name of Phillip Mouse, a former partner in the home of Mrs. Hans, was the woman. The Italian says she went into her house and went to bed. Vanoucke was arrested, and he was employed. When questioned, he betrayed no uneasiness, and seemed not to grasp the real meaning of the charge. He protested his innocence and denied having anything to do with the crime. He said he did not like Mrs. Hans very well.

In the murdered man's pockets and in his trunk were found among other things several letters. The majority of these were from his children in France. There were five of these, Cyril, Emile, Alexander, Elida and Emaline. Only in one was there reference made to a mother. It is stated that Vanoucke was married, however, and had a wife living in France. The letters were read by E. J. Charles of the Savings and Trust company. There was nothing in them of interest.

Coroner J. J. Heffran left the case in the hands of Chief Albright to work up, and much will depend on the result of his investigations at the inquest. According to Mr. Charles, and other persons who knew the man, he was a hard drinker. The Italian, Mouse, stated that he had had a quarrel with Vanoucke when the latter was drunk. All who have made investigations into the affair say it is a plain case of murder, and could not be suicide.

CO-OPERATIVE STORE DOES MUCH BUSINESS

The Charleroi Co-operative Store has just published a statement of business done by the institution for the quarter ending June 26. The receipts for this period were \$14,260.05.

Compared with those of the same quarter last year, which were \$8,603.12, the past quarter's business shows a gain of 75 per cent. During the year the membership has increased from 282 to 512, a gain of 230 new members.

Cash dividends to the amount of \$766.37 have been realized from the profits of last quarter's business and this will be distributed among the members at the rate of five per cent on each one's purchases. The dividend days are August 5, 6 and 7. The dividends are paid in cash, or if the member desires, they may be accumulated and draw six per cent interest.

Six years ago this store started on a small scale with 32 members. It is conducted on what is known as the Rochdale plan, a system of co-operation now has two up-to-date branches, one in Charleroi and one at time and is eminently successful. The Point Marion.

AGREEMENT REACHED BY MINERS AND OFFICIALS

National President Thomas L. Lewis and other officials of the United Mine Workers of America, with representatives of the Pittsburgh Coal company, held a conference in the offices of George Hosack, vice president of the coal company in Pittsburgh yesterday. A satisfactory agreement on everything brought up for discussion except the matter of safety explosives was brought about. This is to be discussed further at a meeting of representatives of the miners, coal operators and the State Mine Inspector next week.

Both miners and the officials of the coal company will accept the decision of the State authority as to what the law provides and will be guided by that. The meeting will be held at the Pittsburgh district, as it is claimed all are equally interested in the matter.

SEVERE ELECTRICAL STORM IN VICINITY YESTERDAY

Light Question to Be Settled in Court

Injunction Asked by Monongahela Resident Upon Council and Light Company

Henry Elliott, a resident of the third ward, Monongahela, as the result of the awarding of the light contract a few weeks ago to the West Penn Electric Co., by the Monongahela council secured a temporary injunction by order of the court this morning which he asks to be made permanent against the city and West Penn Electric company. This is to keep them from carrying out the terms of the recent ordinance. The papers have been served on the borough officials and head men of the West Penn company. It is stated that Elliott is one of the "gas light" partisans. August 9 has been appointed the date for a hearing.

TWO NARROWLY ESCAPE INJURY IN A RUNAWAY

Horse Scares at Street Corner and Runs Square When It Falls.

DAMAGE DONE TO BUGGY

Henry Lucas, and Reny Verklaren, in the latter's buggy, had a narrow escape from serious injury yesterday afternoon, when the horse drawing the rig became frightened at a car on the West Side Street railway line and ran away.

The horse was being driven by Lucas. It was but a two-year-old, and had not been driven much before. Lucas tried to pass the car at Fifth street, when the horse took fright and darted northward, toward Fourth street. The shafts broke loose and beat upon the animal's back causing it to become more scared than ever. At Fourth street it turned up, but in so doing fell down. This stopped its mad rush, and the men in the buggy were able to jump out and get at the horse's head.

The animal was somewhat injured by the fall, but there were no serious consequences. One of the wheels of the buggy was broken. Had the horse kept its feet when it turned up Fourth street it is more than likely than the men in the rig would have been thrown against the curbing and seriously injured or killed.

To Open Vaudeville Season.

The Star Theatre of Monessen is making arrangements for the opening of the vaudeville season for the coming year on next Monday. Several from Charleroi are expected to attend.

One of Worst Experienced For Years in Charleroi.

FOUNDRY STRUCK TWICE

Practically No Damage Done However Within the Borough Limits.

One of the worst electrical storms if not the worst, ever experienced in this section, was that of yesterday afternoon. Little damage was done as far as can be learned, although the lightning struck in Charleroi.

The Charleroi Foundry and Machine company's plant was struck twice, but little damage was done. The first most noticeable flash of lightning struck there, and in the machine shop there was a veritable exhibition of fire works. Some of the men in the shop received a slight shock, but no one was hurt. The second flash, which was so very noticeable struck in nearly the same place, and tore the switch and wires out of the machinery, putting it out of commission. The damage, however, was practically nothing. The room cooled from about 80 to 60 degrees. The West Penn Electric company stands in relation to the damage, although it was

would have to vacate the plant. It is a well known fact that the plant established at Sixth street and Washington avenue received the blunt of the natural electrical disturbances in this section, and at the same time protects Charleroi homes. A small meter and some fuses were burnt out there.

D. H. Johnson, superintendent of the plant stated this morning that the storm was the worst ever experienced by them in this section, although the damage was slight. Mrs. Catherine Rader of 522 Third street was thought to have been struck by lightning, but Dr. J. A. Barth, who was called in attendance, stated that she was uninjured. She was reaching into a rain barrel, when one of the severe bolts struck and she received a slight shock.

New York Grocery.

Fancy potatoes, 80 cents bushel. Granulated sugar, 25 lb. sack, \$1.30.

Mason qt. jars per doz, 43 cents. Mason pt. jars per doz, 38 cents. Flour per sack \$1.65. Magic yeast 3 boxes for 10 cents. Salt per sack 3 cents. The New York Grocery. 299-J81-A2

Millinery Fire Sale.

The sale of the fire and water damaged stock of Mrs. Dawson, will be continued during the coming week at 403 McKean avenue, Charleroi, Pa. 29911

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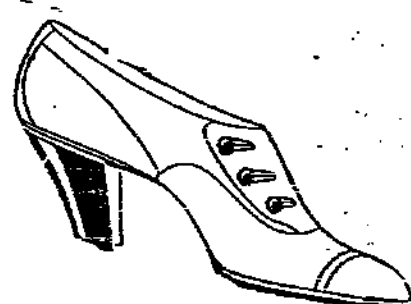
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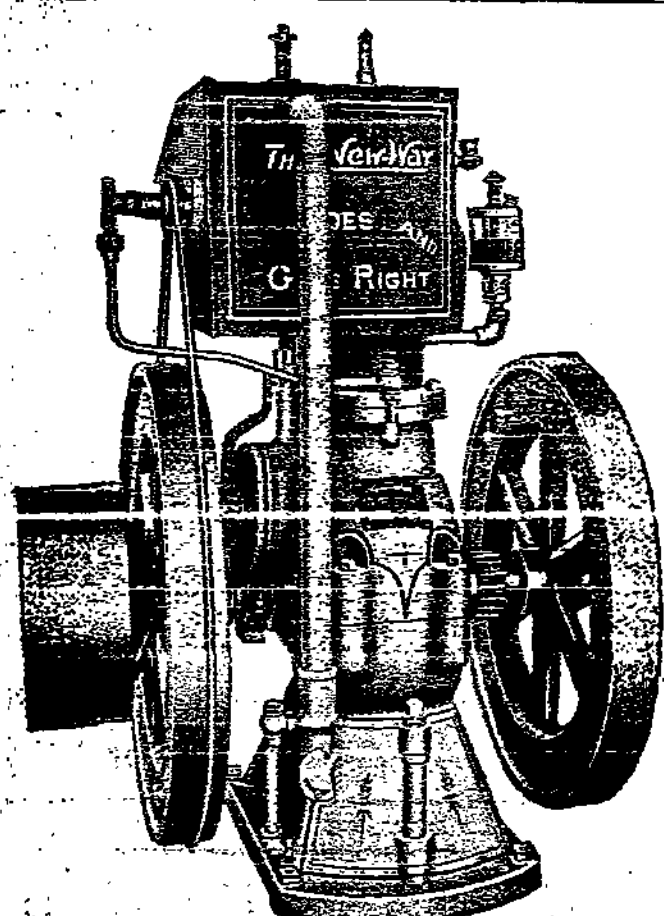
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"What means that knot of people gaping over there?" asked Coffe of his companion, pausing and looking in the direction indicated.

"That," said Whalley, shading his eyes against the sun with his hand, "must be the fencing master who has recently come over from England and who is making himself notorious by defying any or all to engage with him in sword play."

"A bit of errand, I suppose. Surely those men who make a pleasure of fighting would be brought to their senses if transferred to this land where they must needs fight the earth to produce subsistence and the red men to maintain life. But let us go and see what it means."

Approaching the crowd, they stood by a platform on which struted a man flourishing a sword, boasting of his skill and inviting some one of those listening to him to come up and fence with him.

"The insufferable braggart," exclaimed Coffe.

"I have a mind," said Whalley, "to give him his bellyful of his own food."

"Not so. You would demean yourself by fighting a bantam cock like that."

And the two passed on.

The next day, again walking in the same direction, they espied at a distance the bantam still strutting on his stage, challenging any man in the colony to fight with him.

"There's been enough of this," said Whalley, starting forward. "I'm going to put an end to it."

"He will not fight with a strong man like you," replied Coffe, restraining him. "He will find some excuse. What say you to disguising ourselves as simple rustics, returning and, unknown, accepting his challenge?"

"A good suggestion."

When they saw an adversary on his stage equipped rather for housecleaning than for a clash of steel.

"Get down from here!" the fencer ordered. "This stage is not for such as you. I wish an adversary."

"I'll not get down till I am driven down," replied the judge.

"Then I'll drive you," replied the fencer, making a pass or, rather, a poke with his sword at the intruder. Coffe raised his cheese in place of a shield, and, the steel passing into it, the fencer was not able to withdraw it before his adversary had dashed his face with the mop. For a moment he stood motionless with surprise, looking at the impudent countryman who had dared to oppose him with a cheese for a shield and a mop for a sword. Then, feeling dirty water dripping down his neck, he made another thrust. Again the judge dexterously received the sword in his cheese, and this time his counterstroke resulted in a poke that billeted the swordman with soft mud.

By this time the assembled crowd were laughing or booing. On the one hand stood the fencing master, or so he called himself with rage and indignation, wiping the dirt from his eyes with his sleeve; on the other, the countryman, with his cheese lowered, his mop poised with his offensive end near the boards, waiting for a renewal of the contest. As soon as the bantam could recover his staid he made another thrust. For the third time the point of his sword penetrated the cheese, and for the third time the fencer's face was dabbled with mud. Now almost unrecognizable from his coating, the undisciplined man dropped his fencing sword, took up a large broadsword and started at his enemy like a fury.

"Stop, sir," said the judge. "Hitherto I have only played with you and not intended to do you harm, but if you come at me with that broadsword know that I will certainly take your life."

The words were spoken so firmly, there was such a change in the mien of the speaker, transformed as he was from a rustic to a man of evident intellectual as well as physical vigor, that the swordman was impressed. Dropping the point of his weapon, he stood regarding his singular enemy with curiosity rather than anger.

"Who are you?" cried the fencing master. "You must be either Coffe or Whalley, or the devil, for there was no man in England who could beat me, and surely if there was none there there can be none here."

"I am William Coffe," replied the judge, "and this gentleman is Edward Whalley."

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USE SIGNALS OF INDIANS.

Army Experts Adopt Many Ideas of the Aborigines.

Just as the fighting men of the United States army many years ago took lessons from the Indians and from their methods of warfare devised and perfected the system of extended order or skirmish drills which have proved so effective, so the signal corps of the army has followed to a large extent the red men's methods of conveying information from point to point where there is not time to string telephone or telephone lines or where wire less telegraph is impracticable.

As the Indians since prehistoric times have used columns of smoke in various combinations to signal the approach of an enemy or to transmit other messages, so the army signalmen have found most effective what are known as smoke bombs or smoke rockets. The former are fired from a small mortar, the latter in the same way as Fourth of July fireworks. Each when reaching a desired height, regulated by a fuse, bursts and liberates a piercing compound, which ignites and burns colored fires, one after the other, so arranged in the cartridge as to convey a message to those who may be watching for it. These cartridges are made in sections, each containing its own different colored fire, and threaded to screw together in a fraction of a minute.

These military fireworks, as they might aptly be called, are packed in hermetically sealed cans, much in the same manner as timed meats, with the same sort of thumb-screw attachment for opening them quickly. In this way they keep indefinitely in any climate and have been found particularly effective in the campaigns in the Philippines.

While the navy does not employ so complicated a system of rocket and bomb signaling as does the army, every warship carries a supply of powerful rockets, which liberate on bursting a series of brilliant white stars for the purpose of calling attention to other signals which are transmitted by a system of combinations of colored electric lights strung from a masthead and operated from a switchboard much on the plan of a typewriter, called the Ardois system. But both branches of the service employ an odd sort of pistol, the invention of a naval officer, which shoots from cartridges "stars," similar to those of a roman candle, of any color. The combinations which can be made in this manner practically are numberless. Popular Mechanics.

FATE OF THE BRAAKE.

A Treasure Ship That Lies Buried Off Cape Henlopen.

Somewhere in deep water off Cape Henlopen lies over half a million in British gold and silver more in gold and silver than the ship and its

or treasures can only be guessed at. In 1738 the British privateer Braake sailed for the west Atlantic bearing enough gold to pay off all the English troops stationed in various parts of the new world. As the soldiers had not been paid in many months the sum was a large one.

Whether the captain of the Braake decided to turn pirate or whether he merely was showing excessive zeal in making war on all the enemies of England that he met on the high seas and intended to turn over his loot to the crown on his return will never be known, but the fact that the Braake took no prisoners and sank every vessel goes a long way toward proving the piracy theory. The Braake captured a Spanish merchantman coming up from South American ports laden with rich tribute from the Spanish colonies there, transferred the precious cargo to her own hold and burned the vessel. Another Spanish ship, bringing a church service of richly jeweled gold plate to a new world cathedral encountered the privateer and suffered the same fate. The next to fall a victim to the Braake's rapacity was a Frenchman carrying silks, spices, brandy and bars of silver. That, too, was sent to the bottom after it was despoiled.

The Braake was overtaken by a hurricane when nearing the American coast, was blown far out of her course and sank off Cape Henlopen. Several of the crew escaped in a small boat and reached land. Their tales of the treasure on the sunken ship caused several expeditions to be fitted out the following year, but nothing was brought up save pieces of the anchor chains and a cannon or two. During the last hundred years every effort to raise any part of the treasure has failed.

The last attempt was made by Captain Charles Adams, who fitted out a ship under the auspices of the navy department, but was unable to locate the wreck, which is probably by this time deeply submerged in the ooze and mud of the ocean bed.—New York Press.

Respect For Old Age.

"Jonas, did you beat that rug accord to the order?"

"No, Smanthy; I just didn't."

"Didn't? What's the reason, I'd like to know?"

"Cause, Smanthy, when I got it out on the flue, there an' saw how frattered an' feeble it was, I didn't have the heart to lambaste it. I know I have a shortage of virtues, Smanthy, but I want you to know that respect for old age isn't one of 'em."—Boston Courier.

Going to Law.

The man who goes to law for the purpose of obtaining satisfaction generally gets so many other things that he forgets all about the satisfaction that there is in it for him.—Chicago Record Herald.